One minor spelling mistake has been corrected in the following. A decade and more on, I cannot remember what it was.

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Date: 2007/05/13 Sun AM 05:19:22 BST
To: <info-en-v@wikimedia.org>
Subject: Lies
Dear Sir,

A while ago I reported a grossly misleading entry in your on-line encyclopaedia, the one for convicted murderer Satpal Ram. You deleted this article because you said the tone was not neutral. I regret to have to report that Mr Ram's small but dedicated army of liars have effected a new entry, one that is even more outrageous than the original.

The article can be found at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Satpal_Ram

And very briefly:

There was no altercation between Ram's friends and "six drunken caucasian men"; this claim is pure fantasy. Clarke Pearce, the man Ram murdered, was dining with his fiancée and two other couples includng his sister and brother-in-law.

As far as there was any altercation, this was purely between Ram and Pearce; the former was armed, the latter was not. The victim's name has also been mispelled in this article.

The reference to the Stanley knife is absurd; it would probably not have been possible for Ram to inflict the injuries he did on Pearce with such an implement. After his arrest Ram claimed to have used a pen knife. The reliable evidence is that he actually used a flick knife – ie an illegal weapon. In its 1995 judgment the Court of Appeal stated that Ram's claim and version of events was manifestly untrue.

The claim is also made in this article that Clarke Pearce discharged himself from hospital, went home and died; the inference being that the victim was responsible for his own death rather than Ram. This claim is not new, but it is every bit as obscene now as when it was first made. Clarke Pearce died in hospital about two hours after he was attacked.

There are other distortions and lies in this article; I would refer you in the first instance to http://www.geocities.com/satpalramisguilty/

This website is based largely on the official documents of the case, including the post mortem report on the victim, unlike the linked article in the "Guardian" which simply parrots Mr Ram's lies.

I would suggest that this page be taken down, like the previous page, before it brings your encyclopaedia into disrepute.

Yours Sincerely,
A Baron

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